Menace of beggars in Delhi

46. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENTS pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments' attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Beggars, thieves crowed city subway" which appeared in the Asian Age, New Delhi dated 18th June 2002;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether begging in Delhi has become a nuisance and is thriving round for miscreants and beggars using subways, intersections and other prominent sports for the purpose of begging; and

(d) if so, the steps Government have planned to curb this nuisance permanently by imposing leavy penalties on beggars?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHR SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Government is aware that beggars throng places like intersections and other prominent places for begging. The Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959 has been extended to NCT of Delhi. The Delhi Police has been authorised apprehending beggars at public places. The Act provides for detention ofa beggar who is convicted for the first time for not less than 2 years and not more than 3 years. For second and subsequent convictions, the Special Court, constituted under the Act for this purpose, can order detention upto a period of 10 years.

Utilization of funds for Tribal Development in Andhra Pradesh

47. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released by his Ministry to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years for implementation of various schemes for welfare and development of tribals in the State; year-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether the released funds were utilized by the State for the purpose intended and the benefits reached the target groups;

(c) whether misuse of funds has been brought to the notice of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?